



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named co-inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LOCKING FIREARM IN AN OPEN POSITION BY BLOCKING ACTION", Serial No. 09/998,814, filed October 24, 2001.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e)(1) of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/242,860, filed October 24, 2000; United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/254,140, filed December 8, 2000; and United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/297,948, filed June 13, 2001.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: NONE.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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